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1. EMBOFF KOHN CONVEYED SALIENT POINTS REFTEL A BERBALLY AND IN WRITING TO ARTURO GALINDO, DIRECTOR, TEXTILE DIVISION, SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. LONG DISCUSSION IMPLEMENTATION TEXTILE BILATERAL ENSUED. GALINDO ACCEPTED PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY GOM TO MONITOR EXPORTS, BUT AGAIN INSISTED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR MEXICO TO MONITOR EXPORTS PRIOR TO ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIREMENT BY US CUSTOMS THAT EXPORT VISA ACCOMPANYING SHIPMENTS FROM MEXICO. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN FREE ZONE PORTS OF BAJA CALIFORNIA, SAN LUIS (SONORA) AND AGUA PRIETA (SONORA). WORST CULPRITS OF SHIPPING MORE THAN AUTHORIZED LEVELS WERE APPARENTLY 807 IN-BOND PLANTS. MEXICO HAD MADE NO ATTEMPT TO QUANTIFY TEXTILE EXPORTS, GLOBALLY OR BY EXPORTING FIRM, PRIOR TO DECEMBER 19, 1975, DATE ON WHICH NOTIFICATION OF MECHANISM IN FEDERAL REGISTER ENTERED INTO FORCE. GOM URGENTLY REQUESTS USG TO SUPPLY CUMULATIVE FIGURES IN ALL RPT ALL
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CATEGORIES OF MEXICAN TEXTILES IMPORTED INTO THE

UNITED STATES BETWEEN MAY 1 AND DECEMBER 19. MEXICO WILL CONTROL AND RECORD ALL TEXTILE EXPORTS FOLLOWING DECEMBER 19.

2. MEXICAN OFFICIALS LOCATED ON BORDER AND LISTED IN FEDERAL REGISTER NOTIFICATION WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE EXPORT VISAS ONLY TO IN-BOND APPAREL INDUSTRIES (MAQUILADORAS) IN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL REGIONS AND ONLY FOR MAN-MADE FIBERS. ALL OTHER EXPORT VISAS WILL BE ISSUED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE TEXTILE DIVISION (SIC) IN MEXICO CITY. IN THIS WAY, GOM HOPES TO AVOID ABUSES, DUPLICATIONS AND ERRORS. SIC REPS AT BORDER HAVE NOT YET BEEN ISSUED OFFICIAL STAMPS BUT WILL GET THEM IN JANUARY ALONG WITH DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON INTERNAL PROCEDURES.

3. MELQUISEDEC JIMENEZ, TEXTILE DIVISION, IS CURRENTLY CARRYING OUT A PROJECTION OF MEXICAN TEXTILE EXPORTS THROUGH MAY 1, 1976. BASED ON THIS STUDY, GOM WILL REQUEST CONSULTATIONS ON CATEGORIES IN WHICH THERE IS OR WILL BE OVERSHIPMENT. DIFFICULTY HE FACES IS THAT MEXICAN EXPORTERS ARE NOTORIOUSLY INACCURATE IN ESTIMATING FUTURE SALES IN US MARKET. JIMENEZ ALSO BELIEVES US CUSTOMS HAS COMMITTED ERRORS IN CLASSIFICATION, ESPECIALLY IN CATEGORY 200. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVE THAT MOST OF "YARN" CHARGED AGAINST CATEGORY 200 WAS IN FACT FILAMENT AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN COUNTED AGAINST QUOTA.

4. GOM EAGERLY AWAITING BILATERAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY AT WHICH FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF FIRST QUOTA YEAR UNDER NEW ALL-FIBER AGREEMENT WILL BE REVIEWED AND AGREEMENT REACHED ON AMOUNTS OF EXPORTS PERMITTED REMAINING BY CATEGORY IN LAST QUARTER. GALINDO ASKS THAT USG PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES FOR WASHINGTON MEETING ASAP IN ORDER THAT MEXICAN TEAM HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE TRAVEL PLANS. GOM WILL NOW MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO PREVENT OVERSHIPMENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID NEED TO REQUEST ADJUSTMENTS FROM ONE CATEGORY TO ANOTHER OR TO BORROW AGAINST SECOND OR THIRD QUOTA YEARS.

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5. COMMENT: SUGGEST DEPARTMENT BE AS FORTHCOMING AND HELPFUL TO GOM ON DIFFICULT TASK OF MONITORING TEXTILE EXPORTS. GOM RECOGNIZES ITS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY BUT WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE FROM USG IF OVERSHIPMENTS AND POSSIBLE EMBARGOES WITH POSSIBLE RESULTANT ADVERSE PUBLICITY ARE TO BE AVOIDED.
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